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In re application: Sabbah, et al.

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For: CARDIAC TRANSPLANTATION OF STEM CELLS
FOR TREATMENT OF HEART FAILURE

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2005.

Restriction to one of the following Groups was required under 35 USC

§121:

I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a method of treating heart failure and improving cardiac function by administering stem cell products to a heart, classified in class 424, subclass 9.1, for example;

II. Claims 3-5 and 8-10, drawn to a therapeutic for treating heart failure, classified in class 514, subclass 21, for example;

III. Claims 6 and 7, drawn to a method of enriching or regenerating